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#### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

I have not been fortunate enough to find the names of any magazines that were read or received by the people of Pocahontas, but when I looked through the old wills and bills of sale, I did find the names of some books that they owned, and of course the name of the people who owned them. From the inclosed list you can see that the most of them were either text books or religious books. I was however rather surprised at some of the text books that they owned for I had been lead to believe that they were interested only in the three R's, and of course in spelling.

James Cooper, in will dated 1844, " To my wife Nancy Cooper my family Bible during her life time, and then to be left to my daughter Malinda. The remainder of the books to be equally divided between the balance of the heirs"

In 1848, William Young bequeathed to his wife one book case and a small library of books which were valued by the appraisers at \$25.00. Some of them were named.

Thomas Cannon-1858- one book case and the following books  
Encyclopedia Geography-5 Vols., Constitution of the States,  
Wesley-Philosophy 2 Vols., Latin Dictionary,  
Randolph's Reports, History, 19 other books.

John Young--will 1842--To my son John Young the lot, and

3rd. volume of Clark's Commentary, also 1st. and 2nd. vols. of Wesley's Sermons. To my daughter Jane Cochran, Watts Dictionary in two volumes, Kingscott Plan for religion, and Fletcher's Appeal to Matter of Fact and Common Sense. To my daughter Sarah Ann Young, 2nd. volume of Clark's Commentary. To my daughter Maria Addison, the 4th. vol. of Clark's Commentary. To my son Andrew Young, the remaining part of all of my printed books either now in my possession or loaned out to my neighbors."

George Washington--appraisal 1838.

Dr. Adam Clark's Commentary on the Scriptures-----32.

Dr. " " Sermons, Watson's Wesley

Life of Adam Clark. A number of Methodist Magazines,

A quantity of newspapers. The newspapers and magazines

were not noted.

Joseph Woodhall--1841, Sunday books, Harvey's Meditations  
2 vols. Walker's Dictionary, Elements of Useful Knowledge,  
Kentucky Geography.

Foster Woodhall-----History of the United States,  
4 books, 1 hymn book, Bible, Arithmetic.

William F. Moore--total of sale-- 1848, Key to Key's  
Arithmetic, Spencer, McGuffey's Third Reader, Key's Algebra,  
Natural Philosophy, Synopsis of the Bible, Medical Chemistry,  
Speller and Defines, Davies Surveying, Mitchell's Geography,  
Philosophy and History, Walker's Dictionary, Tradersmen's Companion  
Mentorian Companion, One lot of books and pamphlets.

James Faine---1857---Medical examiner, Key's Algebra,  
Turner's Chemistry, four vols. Thompson's Chemistry, Latin Reader,  
Elements of Botany, Reed's Essays, Two Music Books, One lot  
of old books.

- George Peage-----1854. 1 Confession of Faith.  
 2 hymn books, 1 Ladies Grammar, 20 other books.  
 John Wiley-----1854. One book case, History of  
 the United States, Arithmetic.  
 Samuel Whiting---1854. Testament, Bible, Hymn Books,  
 Life of Wesley, Four other books.  
 John Sharp-----Book case and books.  
 Solomon Garver---Bible Fictorial history-values---\$10.  
 One lot of other books.  
 William Harris--1861, One lot of books.  
 Henry Moffett Peage--1863, One lot of books,  
 Fictorial History of the U.S.  
 James W. Buchanan-----18 books.  
 Edward Carby-----One lot of books.  
 William Wenham-----One lot of books.  
 William A. Yeager-----One lot of books.  
 Henry Yeager-----2 Singing Books.  
 One lot of other books.  
 William Callison---Book case and books.  
 William Houghlight--1864---One lot books.  
 James L. Sharp-----One lot books.  
 George Kerr-----11 books.  
 James E. Gentry---1865--18 books,  
 Solomon Artopagi-----One lot of books.  
 Elizabeth Gelford--- " "  
 Samuel Gay-----6 books.  
 Abraham Hill---1871. 4 vols. Clark's Commentaries  
 Books Notes on the Bible.

reading Concordance.  
 History of America.  
 Wesley's Sermons.  
 Five other books.

William Colby--- One lot of books. 1 Doctor Book.  
 Daniel Barr--- 1877. 2 books. Family Bible. Dictionary.  
 John Alvey---History of the Devil and Others.  
 William M. Duffield---1877---Book case and books.  
 James Lewis---1841-----One lot of books.  
 Henry McNeil---1842-----12 books.  
 Anthony Callison-----1 Family Bible. Map of Greece. History  
 of Greece. Twenty old books.  
 Robert C. Merrill ---1842---One lot of books.  
 John Sutton-----One Bible and three other books.  
 George Puffenberger-----Five books.  
 John McNeil-----1848---One lot of books.  
 William Hamilton---1849---Four vols. Fathers' Works. 1 lot books.  
 John Archaest----- One lot books to Margaret Archaest.  
 Arthur Prince -----One lot books.  
 Jacob Alvey-----" " "  
 Richard Hudson-----History of the United States. 1 lot books.  
 Catherine Ross-----1841--- One lot books.  
 Henry Archaest---1847---7 books.  
 from-----Court Records

"Mrs. Mary T. Warrick (Warrick) had a well supplied library of books in the newest style bindings, and she made good use of them.

George Lee, who came to America about 1810, read a great deal. He had a copy of John Locke's "The Human Understanding," as he had read and re-read it until it was worn out, and he was unable to get another copy. He not only read a great deal but reflected on what he did read, and would converse fluently and intelligently on that ever subject was to be discussed in books or the public journals. He was the first person I had ever heard say any thing about John Locke. Mr. Lee was anxious for me to read the book, so it turned out that one of the first books that I looked for in the college library was this book. In subsequent years when attending lectures, I found that one of the ablest lecturers did not seem so familiar with Locke as did my old friend in his old-fashioned home. George Lee came to Southwestern as a peonier. Aaron Lee, a relative, furnished him some goods and sent him to this country to dispose of them. He became acquainted with John Jordan who had been in that business before him, and Jordan had him make his home with him. Mr. Lee claimed to be an Associate Reform Presbyterian, commonly known as the Gooders or the Forecasters. It was a blessing to our country to have such a person ident tied with his history.

William Baxter of Dixey was born in 1806. From early boyhood he manifested a great fondness for reading, and he improved his available opportunities very studiously. His father

John Dexter owned the largest and best select library then in the county, and William read most of the books. At an early age he began teaching and was one of the most popular teachers of his day. Isaac Moore was fond of books and was anxious to become a good scholar. He diligently improved his opportunities and with much assistance as he received from an old field school teacher he mastered the three R's. Fortunately for him General John Dexter, a near neighbor, had what is believed to have been the largest and best collection of books in the county, probably as many as 100 volumes--history, travel, fiction, and poetry. He had use of these books at will, and thus his taste for reading was in a measure gratified until he could procure ample reading elsewhere.

#### From---History of Peachblow

Andrew Price in the 1908 Elm Book, writes that about 1844 E. Peter Saggard's "Elm" was very popular. It was a fantastic tale of adventure. He says that he once took a copy to his boarding place where he was teaching. A hired hand picked up the book in the morning and spent the day reading instead of helping to get in the corn as he had been hired to do. The farmer was quite indignant. He further writes "In those days a great many white men could not read or write. Their fine minds had been developed by thought and observation, perhaps by their narrow lines to greater heights than if they had been educated. But they had missed much pleasure and satisfaction. The advent of cheap paper(1844) and free schools made the art of reading more or

less universal, but it was the moving pictures that made young and enthusiastic readers. I can remember the time when habitual readers were regarded as queer. "He has read so many books that he has injured his mind," That was agreed to in solemn councils around the stove in the village store, and many a worthy man ere high class citizens has thanked God that he had not become an addict to reading."

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I contacted Calvin W. Price this morning concerning the books magazines etc. He said that they were brought here by the Circuit Riders, the Presbyterian ministers seem to have been the first to come and they were all well educated, most of them having been educated at Edinburgh or Princeton, therefore they were interested in reading matter and distributed many books, mostly religious among the people. Many of them were bound with leather and had been purchased in Edinburgh Scotland, a few in London. One of the Circuit Riders and the Baptist Missionary, not so well educated they brought in other useful books especially his book on Medicine and his sermon How in 218 1838 the Universal Relief Society and the American Great Society sent to them twenty volumes which sold for

Mr. Price thinks there were very  
few magazines and newspapers, and  
if there were they were also brought  
in by the ministers or the above  
mentioned societies. He also told me  
that Mr. William Lillmore has some  
of the old books from the  
Baxter library. Perhaps I can get  
the names of them some day when  
I am out that way.